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There are plenty of tricks to learn when subtracting in your head! Let's look at the question:

Subtract 38 from 63.

First, I could take **30** to get 33 and then **c**ount back **8** to get 25.

Or I could take away 40 and then add 2.

Or I could take 38 from 68 and then subtract 5.



Think which way would be best for each of these questions and then see how quickly and accurately you can do them.

1. What is 72 subtract 17?	
2. Subtract 34 from 61.	

- 3. What is 36 less than 81?
- 4. What must I take from 83 to leave 44?
- 5. How many less is 58 than 85?
- 6. What is 94 subtract 66?
- 7. Subtract 28 from 82.
- 8. Take 43 from 70.

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Answers

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1. 55 2. 27 3. 45 4. 39

5. 27 6. 28 7. 54 8. 27